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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
EVALUATING PERFORMANCE OF ANION
EXCHANGE RESINS, AND CONDENSATE
DEMINERALIZERS

Examiner: S. P. Siefke

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including December 29, 2004 to respond to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2004.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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